



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

Lockformer Site

CERTIFIED MAIL

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

See Attached Service List

RE: Lockformer Site  
711 Ogden Avenue  
Lisle, DuPage County, Illinois  
General Notice of Potential Liability

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has documented the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants into the environment from the above-referenced facility, and is planning to spend public funds to investigate and control these releases. This action will be taken by U.S. EPA pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq. (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-499, 100 Stat. 1613 (1986) (SARA), unless U.S. EPA determines that such action will be done properly by a responsible party or parties. Responsible parties under CERCLA include the current and former owners and operators of the facility, persons who generated the hazardous substances, and persons who were involved in the transport, treatment, or disposal of the hazardous substances at the facility. Under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, where U.S. EPA uses public funds towards the cleanup of the hazardous substances, responsible parties are liable for all costs associated with the removal or remedial action and all other necessary costs incurred in cleaning up the facility, including investigation, planning, and enforcement costs.

U.S. EPA is currently planning to conduct the following actions at the above-referenced facility:

1. Prepare and implement a Removal Action Work Plan to assess and mitigate the documented threats posed by contaminants found at the Lockformer Site. This Removal Action Work Plan

shall include an Extent of Contamination investigation to assess the vertical and horizontal migration of the identified contaminants. The investigation shall be conducted to assess the known areas of contamination and to identify the outer limits of the contamination and shall include groundwater and soil. The Removal Action Work Plan shall also assess and mitigate other known storage or disposal areas or areas where releases occurred. These include the degreaser pit area, associated pipes and drains, building sewers and sumps, the building's roof, down spouts, storm sewers and head walls, and any other indoor or outdoor drum or tank storage area. The staged pile of fill at the south end of the building shall be sampled and characterized for disposal. A ground water assessment and investigation shall be conducted in the general area to determine groundwater flow and concentrations of contaminants in the monitoring wells and drinking water wells. This Removal Action Work Plan shall include a Health and Safety Plan and Quality Assurance and Quality Control Plan as attachments;

2. Control access to portions of the property where contaminants have been detected or are known to be disposed to prevent exposure to workers, the public entering the facility, and to neighboring residents. This shall include fencing, tarping, or placing of contaminated materials in containers. Portions of the parking lot may have to be relocated to allow for excavation, treatment and backfilling;
3. Take necessary actions to prevent and control migration of contaminants into the ground water, soil, sewers, roadways, neighboring residences, and the St. Joseph's Creek;
4. After delineating the vertical and horizontal extent of contamination, remove, treat, and properly dispose of all hazardous substances and contaminated materials at an approved facility which is in compliance with the CERCLA Off-Site Rule. Backfill all areas with clean fill to the pre-existing grade;
5. Decontaminate, remove, and dispose of all tanks, scrap metal, equipment, sumps, sewers, building floors, walls, or roof which have come into contact with or which have been used to store, treat, or process any of the identified contaminants; and
6. Prepare and implement a Confirmation Sampling Plan to determine if appropriate clean-up standards have been met.

The plan shall provide for sampling of soil, ground water, surface water, metal and concrete floors, walls and roofing material.

U.S. EPA has received information that your organization may have owned or operated the facility or generated or transported hazardous substances that were disposed of at the facility. By this letter, U.S. EPA notifies you of your potential liability with regard to this matter and encourages you, as a potentially responsible party, to agree to reimburse U.S. EPA for costs incurred to date and to voluntarily perform or finance the response activities which U.S. EPA has determined or will determine are required at the facility. U.S. EPA is willing to discuss with you the entry of an appropriate administrative consent order under which you would perform or finance response activities and reimburse U.S. EPA for its costs. If a consent order cannot be promptly concluded, U.S. EPA may issue a unilateral order under Section 106 of CERCLA, requiring you to perform specified work. Under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, you may be liable for reimbursement of U.S. EPA's costs, for statutory penalties, and for treble damages for noncompliance with such an order. If you are a qualified small business, enclosed is an U.S. EPA Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act information sheet which may be helpful if you are subject to an U.S. EPA enforcement action.

Because of the conditions described above, U.S. EPA believes that response activities at the Site must be initiated as quickly as possible. Therefore, U.S. EPA does not intend to utilize the special notice procedures available under Section 122(e) of CERCLA.

As a potentially responsible party, you should notify U.S. EPA in writing within seven (7) days of receipt of this letter of your willingness to perform or finance the activities described above and to reimburse U.S. EPA for its costs. Your response should be sent to:

Carol Ropski  
U.S. EPA - Region 5  
Emergency Enforcement & Support Section SE-5J  
17 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

If U.S. EPA does not receive a timely response, U.S. EPA will assume that your organization does not wish to negotiate a resolution of its potential responsibility in connection with the

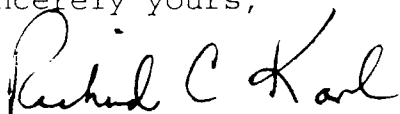
facility and that your organization has declined any involvement in performing the response activities.

Your response should indicate the appropriate name, address, and telephone number for further contact with you. If you are already involved in discussions with State or local authorities or involved in a lawsuit regarding this facility, you may continue such activities as you see fit. This letter is not intended to advise you or direct you presently to restrict or discontinue any such activities already underway; however, you are advised to report the status of those discussions or actions in your response to this letter and to provide a copy of your response to any other parties involved in those discussions or actions.

If you need further information regarding this letter, you may contact Thomas Krueger of the U.S. EPA Office of Regional Counsel at (312)886-0562.

Due to the nature of the problem at this facility and the attendant legal ramifications, U.S. EPA strongly encourages you to submit a written response within the time frame specified herein. We hope you will give this matter your immediate attention.

Sincerely yours,



Richard C. Karl, Chief  
Emergency Response Branch

Enclosure  
SBREFA information sheet

cc: Stan Komperda  
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Illinois EPA

Khendra Phon  
Illinois Attorney General's Office

Thomas Downing  
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LIST OF PRPs SENT GENERAL NOTICE LETTER

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Lisle, IL 60532-1306

Met-Coil Systems Corporation  
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Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404

Mestek, Inc.  
260 North Elm Street  
Westfield, MA 01085

Honeywell International, Inc.  
101 Columbia Road  
Morristown, NJ 07962